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**MAN APPREHENDED ON INDICTMENTS
FOR IDENTITY THEFT CRIMES**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that Ronald D. Moulton was arraigned in U. S. District Court in Concord on a six-count indictment for identity theft returned by a Federal Grand Jury. A trial date was set for September 3, 2003, in front of Chief Judge Paul Barbadoro. Moulton was released on personal recognizance bail.

Moulton, who lists an address of 139 Fairview Avenue, Portsmouth, NH, is accused of six federal felonies involving his alleged use of the birth certificate of a Maine boy, who died two days after his birth, to obtain a New Hampshire driver's license, a U.S. Passport, and to attempt to obtain a Social Security Number, all under an assumed identity, by claiming the dead boy's birth certificate was his own. The indictment against Moulton was sealed until late last week when Moulton was apprehended.

If convicted of these offenses Moulton faces a maximum prison term of ten years and possible fines of up to \$250,000.

The charges and apprehension of Moulton resulted from Moulton's activities being brought to the attention of the Identity Theft and Fraud Working Group organized in the U.S. Attorney's office which brings together both federal and state law enforcement agencies to combat identity theft and fraud. An intensive and coordinated investigation by agents of the Social Security Administration, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. State Department's Diplomatic Security Service and the N.H. Department of Safety's Highway Patrol and Enforcement Bureau ensued.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alfred Rubega.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY COLANTUONO REMINDS THE PUBLIC THAT AN INDICTMENT IS ONLY AN ALLEGATION AND NOT PROOF OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT. AS IN ALL CASES, EACH DEFENDANT IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT.

